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In re Application of:

KATSUHIKO OYAMA, *et al.*

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2008, to which the time for response is set to expire January 2, 2009. A Petition for extending the time of reply to February 2, 2009 is submitted herewith. The pending claims, claims 1-7, were rejected. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendments are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.